

South/Central Sierra Nevada Noxious Weed Alliance
Steering Committee Meeting Notes
October 12, 2000

Agenda:

1. Brochure
2. MOU
3. AB1168 funding proposal

Attendees: Wain Johnson, University of California, Mariposa (acting chair); Marty Acree, Yosemite National Park; Denis Griffin, CDFA; Carol Hafner, Fresno County Department of Agriculture; Donald Mayeda, Madera County; Peggy Moore, U.S. Geological Survey, Yosemite Field Station; Terry Sandridge, SCE Forestry

Brochure - Joanna Clines (via telephone): Joanna is nearly finished with the educational brochure modifications stemming from last meeting's review and will send to the membership list soon.

MOU - Joanna Clines (via telephone): Joanna will send to the membership. There are still some gaps in what some groups are contributing. Please be sure to respond with commitments if your group's section is incomplete.

AB1168 Funding - Wain and Peggy: The AB1168 proposal has been extensively revised to fit requirements for format and content provided by the Oversight Committee. The most significant change was adding evaluation criteria to each project to quantify project success. The group reviewed the new version of the proposal and came up with questions for Joanna and Steve Schoenig regarding the vehicle for transferring funds to the County Ag. Commissioners and some details on individual projects. Answers to these questions and changes stemming from member review will be incorporated into the proposal, and it will then be emailed to the member list. The proposal is due next Wednesday, October 18.

Carol Hafner will find out what the three county Agriculture Commissioners agree upon for channeling funding from AB1168 - whether it will be one county, such as Fresno, or some other approach.

***Important note:** Following this meeting it was announced that the South/Central Sierra Nevada Noxious Weed Alliance will be receiving \$3,000 from AB1168 funding rather than \$6,000. As a result, we will delete from the proposal the small amount of administrative support funding to the chair, the \$1,500 for mapping weeds along Madera County roadsides (project will be done with other support), reduce the public education funding from \$1,000 to \$500 and reduce the Merced Canyon yellow starthistle control project from \$3,500 to \$2,500.

Marty Acree sought input for the Park Service for control of yellow starthistle along El Portal Road in Yosemite where contaminated fill was spread.